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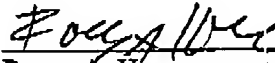
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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 2, 2003  
and is timely submitted as it is accompanied by a petition for a one-month extension of time,  
extending the response period to January 2, 2004. If any further extension is required, please  
consider this a request therefore.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this Amendment.

The Remarks section begins on page 10 of this Amendment.